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LONDON FOR LAMBRAKIS FOR AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

1. THE DALAI LAMA' S BROTHER, BYALO THONDUP, RAISED THIS SUBJECT AGAIN WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON MAY 15. HE WAS TOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL B THAT IT WAS THE OFFICIAL US POSITION THAT THE US GOVERNMENT IS NOT IN A POSITION TO INTERCEDE WITH THE PRC ON BEHALF OF THE TIBETAN REFUGEES.

2. THONDUP MENTIONED THAT HE MIGHT VISIT NEW YORK THIS SUMMER TO SOUND OUT HIS CONTACTS THERE ON WHETHER SOME PRIVATE US GROUP WOULD BE WILLING TO APPEAL TO THE PRC FOR RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN TIBET. (COMMENT: THONDUP SEEMS TO BE CASTING ABOUT FOR SOME WAY OF GETTING US INVOLVEMENT IN THIS MATTER. AGAIN, WE GAVE HIM NO ENCOURAGEMENT.)
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3. THONDUP ADDED THAT IN ANY EVENT HE PLANNED TO GO TO SWITZERLAND THIS SUMMER TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT BY THE DALAI LAMA WITH SWISS OFFICIALS. HE SAID THE DALAI LAMA WANTED TO VISIT SWITZERLAND IN SEPTEMBER, BUT THE SWISS WERE SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT TO GIVE A GREEN LIGHT BECAUSE OF THEIR CONCERN ABOUT CHINA' S REACTION.
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